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Dear Mr. Garrison

Lately had a visit from Chancellor Johnston, the Secretary of the British & Foreign A.S. Society. As it was entirely unsought on our part, I sought by him, after the constant efforts we have every where made to enlighten the minds which his committee have for fifteen years deluded as to the character of the Am. A.S.S. I am induced to think that the committee begin to find that their course has been a suicidal one. The fact is, they are well nigh reduced to non-entity by it. They have so long upheld all true sympathy for the cause, that it no longer seeks there as its outlet. We stand

We are. We have entrusted him with our

knowing or seeing much of all this, Mr Thomerson to whom they appointed Secretary without giving him the least hint of the delicacy & difficulty of the position to which they called him, is yet a fully well disposed man in my judgement. But he can't make those dry bones live. He does the best he can, & ought always to have credit for it. I cannot but hope will come to the knowledge in time, that to serve as a tool of repentance to those unworthy & but little esteemed & insignificant sinners, is not a worthy use to make of his time & talents. They are now planning a conference preparatory to the Worlds Convention they wish to have next

year. You will recollect that Jos. Stiles procured its postponement when the idea came up at Sandusky last year. We saw that a World's Convention without the Am. Soc. was indeed Hamlet without the prince, & how to get the prince without saying "I have conspired against you & am sorry for it & wont do so any more." There are many ways in which they might do this. Simply to cause off their list of corresponding members the names of Lewis Tappan & Joshua Leavitt — to write a little address preparatory to a World's convention, signed by them all, or by the Secretary for them all, urging attendance of

all abolitionists irrespective
of Sect, Sex or colour. at
the Same time ~~issuing~~
no particular invitations to
Lewis Tappan & Leavitt who
have so grossly deceived them
selves to be deceived.
Coetaneously with this
they might address a circular
letter to Societies & individuals
in Great
Britain, urging all to lay
aside an exclusive policy &
declaring that accusations of
infidelity, should hereafter pass
in their eyes, unfounded & un-
warranted, as proof of insuffi-
cient abolitionism. After this,
we can consider whether it is
worth while to burden ourselves
with them deserved unpopularity.
For the Sake of the Cause, I should
personally say, Not. We are best as